SENATE RESOLUTION 30

RESOLUTION

To increase enforcement of the East Carolina University Policy Statement on Smoking section II Smoking Restrictions subsection B. Grounds & walk way

Primary Sponsor: Senator Taylor
Cosponsor(s): _______________________
First Reading: 02/23/2015
Referred to: University Affairs
Second Reading: 03/02/2015

Resolved,

SECTION 1. Short Title

This resolution shall be titled “The Smoking Distance Resolution”.

SECTION 2.

WHEREAS, The East Carolina University Policy Statement of Smoking was issued by the chancellor on January 12, 2009 with the statutory authority being N.C. General Statutes 143-596 to 143-597 and 130A-491 to 130A-493.1, and states as follows under Section II Smoking restrictions subsection B. Grounds & walk way

- Smoking is prohibited within 25 linear feet of all university buildings.
- Smoking may be prohibited in other outdoor spaces (beyond 25 feet) for safety or health reasons; and

WHEREAS, There have been complaints from faculty and students regarding smoking within 25 feet of exits and windows; and

WHEREAS, Smoking within 25 feet of 1st and 2nd level air conditioning units results in the smoke being pulled into the unit and eventually into the room thus making the rooms smell like smoke; and

WHEREAS, Smoking within 25 feet of doorways give no refuge or warning for those whom are sensitive to foul odors or may have health risks related to smoke; and
WHEREAS, Smoking within 25 feet of windows can result in smoke entering a room of a working individual and can disrupt them from their tasks; and

WHEREAS, Smoking within 25 feet of commercial ventilation units, like that of Brewster, results in second hand smoke being circulated throughout the buildings posing a potential health risk when in excess amounts; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Residence Advisors and Hall Coordinators maintain the right to document any student in violation of this policy within the proximity of their hall, and ECU Police maintains the right to take appropriate action in any instance on campus; and be it further

RESOLVED, The East Carolina University Student Government Association takes a stand in the name of student health and wellbeing to support increased enforcement of this policy by ECU police, and all facets of the ECU Staff and faculty, to include but are not limited to; Professors, Residence Advisors, Hall Coordinators, Students, and ECU Administrative Staff.

SECTION 2. DATE EFFECTIVE.

This Resolution shall be effective upon its signing by the Student Body President.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the ECU Faculty and Staff Senates, the Chancellor, Steve Ballard, the East Carolinian, ECU Police, Residence Advisors and all Hall Coordinators.

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1 If not properly designed and maintained, mechanical systems can increase the risk of exposures by distributing pollutants (including secondhand smoke) throughout the building, by direct recirculation, or by poor pressure control.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK44322/